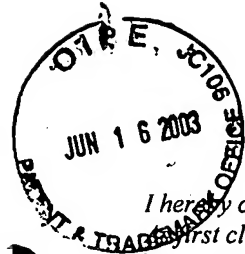


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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 12, 2002, please amend the above identified patent application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1, 2, and 5 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 3 and 4 as follows:

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3. (amended) A low dispersion interleaver assembly comprising:

a first interleaver stage having three birefringent elements;

a second interleaver stage having three birefringent elements;

wherein the angular orientations and phase delays of the birefringent elements in the first

interleaver stage and the second interleaver stage are configured so as to cooperate to provide a dispersion

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